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Eighty-two-year-old Mae Beale, right, is a Marylander, retired licensed practical nurse (LPN) and business owner who recently earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC). Beale returned to pursue a college degree in her seventies. Beale takes a photo with UMGC President, Gregory Fowler, PhD, left, during the college's commencement ceremony On May 18, 2022. The retiree who made completing her education a priority also celebrated her birthday the day before she received her college degree in Adelphi, Maryland. (See article on page 6). Photo courtesy of UMGC

Huber Memorial Church's The H.O.P.E Academy 'Where Excellence is Expected'

By Ursula Battle

The Rev. Dr. P.M. Smith, Pastor of Huber Memorial Church shared memories of his childhood, recalling a conversation that took place more than 60 years ago, involving him, his junior high school counselor, and his mother.

"I went to a totally segregated school system...secondhand furniture...secondhand facilities, but first-class teachers," recalled Pastor Smith. "I wanted to go to Frederick Douglass High School, but my counselor told me to get my mother up to the school to tell me to go to City College. That generation of educators knew that integration was coming. And they made up their mind that they were going to send the ones who could compete in that environment. School and being capable of success was put on my radar screen at an early age."

He added, "I was taught to get anywhere in life, you need an education. The people who told me this included my parents who didn't have an education. My parents never got out the sixth grade. They never talked about racism. The only thing they said about white people, was that you have to be twice as good. That did not excuse me, depress me, or put me down. It challenged me. And when I got to City, my relatives, along with the people who taught me in a segregated school system, had prepared me to compete."

It was this mindset for success that was the catalyst for Pastor Smith to found The H.O.P.E. (Helping Our

People Excel) Academy, a ten-year vision of the Baltimore native and members of Huber Memorial Church. Huber's physical plant and grounds consist of The Huber Community Life Center, 5700 Loch Raven Blvd.; Huber Memorial Church, 5701 York Road, and The H.O.P.E. Academy/Huber Child Development Center, 1808 Edison Highway.

The H.O.P.E. Academy provides a quality, low-cost education in a Christian environment and promotes the principle that excellence is a noble and achievable goal. The school opened in September 1996. The school's motto is, 'Where Excellence Is Expected.'

Pastor Smith graduated from Baltimore City College in 1965. He went on to attend Coppin State College (now University), where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1969. He earned his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Michigan in 1973.

"I did well at City, and I did well at the University of Michigan Law School," said Pastor Smith. "Had it not been for that classic education I got in a segregated school system, I would not have gone to the University of Michigan, and I would not have practiced law in two states for 10 years. The village we used to live in when I was growing up as a child, no longer exists when it comes to our children. So, my attitude is that we owe the next generation because that is what the previous generation gave us. We owe our kids a good, quality education."

According to Pastor Smith, The H.O.P.E. Academy's curriculum is



The Rev. Dr. P.M. Smith, Pastor of Huber Memorial Church.

attentive to the mind, body, and soul, and is achieved through literature, mathematics, the arts and sciences, foreign language, physical education, and bible study.

"They are going to learn their 123s and ABCs, but what's more important is that we identify, transmit and commit Christian, traditional, and biblical values in our students", said Pastor Smith.

From 1973 to 1983, Pastor Smith practiced criminal law in Michigan and then Maryland.

Pastor Smith said despite his successful career as a criminal attorney, he left the legal profession completely and began to preach full-time. He was ordained on March 20, 1983.

"Although winning cases was something I did well, winning souls for the Lord was something I did best," said Pastor Smith, who is married to Delores Stanton Smith. They have two children, Tehma and Ade.

Pastor Smith, who is 75, said he was named after his grandfather Phenious Madison Smith, and that the name itself came with great expectations.

"My mother's name was Cleo, and whenever we went down the country, people would ask her, 'Which one of your boys is named after your father?' And she pointed to me, and they looked at me like they expected something from me because I had my grandfather's name and they had great respect for him. They had high expectations of me, and I didn't want to disappoint them. That's what we do for our kids at The H.O.P.E. Academy. We elevate them."

He added, "The number one success of The H.O.P.E. Academy is longevity. Since our inception, we have been preparing the next generation to compete and succeed in an environment and culture that going to be hostile towards them through our 'spiritual immunity system.' We vaccinate our kids with the Word of God to protect them from the culture."

Coming next week: Hope Academy Part 2.

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Guest Editorials/Commentary

Don't Let COVID-19 Spoil Your Summer: How to Celebrate Juneteenth and Other Events Safely during the Pandemic

By Paula Penebaker

Navigating the new normal, especially when it comes to summer celebrations, can be tricky with COVID-19 still circulating and infections on the rise in some communities. Even after two years, attending summer events like family cookouts, visiting amusement parks and enjoying music and cultural festivals, still comes with challenges thanks to what seems like a never-ending pandemic.

Last year, President Joe Biden signed a law that officially made Juneteenth Day, celebrated on June 19, a federal holiday. With Juneteenth Day just weeks away, many people are looking forward to celebrating this important holiday to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in this country. However, when looking at how COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted the Black community, celebrating safely must remain a top priority in order to remain COVID-free.

As more cities lift mask mandates, the undeniably low vaccination rates in the Black community means it's important to proceed with caution for Juneteenth celebrations, as well as other popular summer gatherings. Recently, public health officials in different areas across the nation have expressed concern about the rise in the number of Covid cases.

"There have been a lot of mixed messages and misinformation shared over the last two years that have caused many to tune out," said Dr. Kendell Jasper, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist. "Stick with the medical professionals."

As cases are on the rise in many regions of the country, the risk of gathering in large groups and contracting COVID-19 also increases. That's why it's extremely important to approach Juneteenth celebrations, and other summer festivities, with an abundance of caution. Here are a few easy tips to help keep everyone safe this Juneteenth Day:

1) **Less is more.**

Don't try to attend each and every event you're invited to. Pick wisely.

2) **Mask up.**

With many mask mandates relaxed, there's absolutely nothing wrong with erring on the side of caution, and choosing to wear a mask, even if you are outdoors.

3) **Go the distance.**

When gathering with groups of people, be mindful to protect your personal space and social distance as much as possible.

4) **Keep it clean.**

Sanitizing and hand washing are key ways to kill the virus. So, don't forget to sanitize surfaces and handwash often.

5) **Shake less hands.**

Elbow bump or air hug instead of shaking hands and hugging.

6) **Don't wait to vaccinate.**

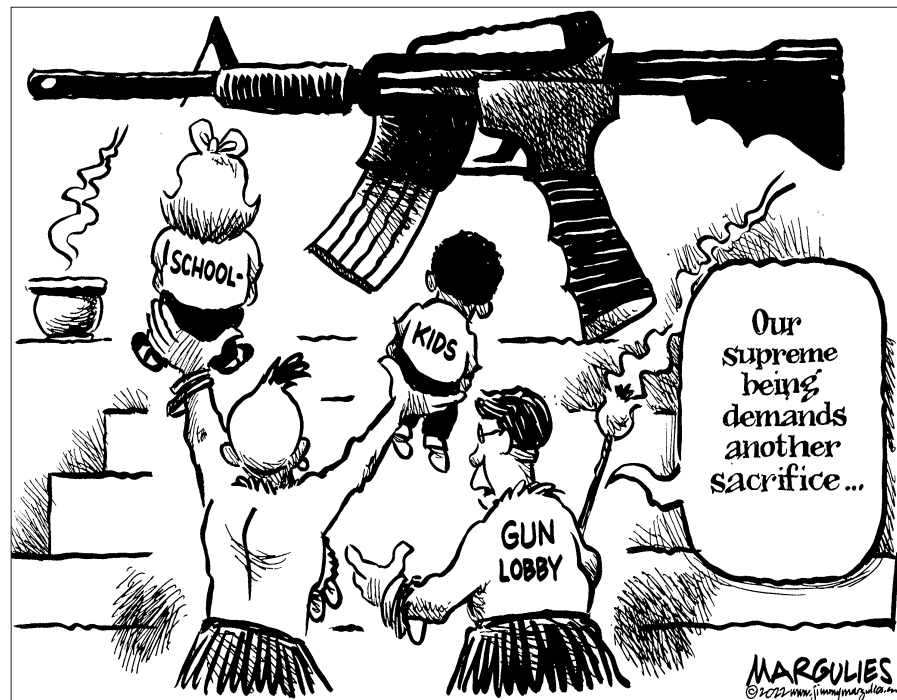
Consider getting a first dose, second dose or booster shot before heading out to Juneteenth Day festivities. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find vaccines in your area.

7) **Know before you go.**

At-home COVID-19 testing kits make it easy as ever for people to know their status before heading to any celebrations and before attending large events where the virus can be spread easily.

So, when it comes to COVID-19, it's better to be safe than sorry. These useful tips can help ensure everyone has a happy, safe and healthy Juneteenth Day this year.

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Community Affairs

BCYF People's Assembly

Don't Go Unheard

Virtual: June 21, 2022, 6 p.m.-8p.m.
Register: bcyf.org/events

The Baltimore Children and Youth Fund (BCYF) will be convening a public assembly that will provide residents in Baltimore an opportunity to provide their perspective on a wide range of issues, including:

- *What the priorities of BCYF should be.
- *An assessment of the current youth service landscape.
- *What are promising practices and efforts to build on.

This will also serve as the **needs assessment** that will help provide information to the public about the ecosystem of youth serving organizations in Baltimore.

BCYF is committed to ensuring that the community has meaningful mechanisms of engagement and influence over the direction of the organization.

Given the commitment to liberatory practice, BCYF has taken great interest in forms of democratic governance that include communities that are typically excluded from decisions about how resources are distributed.

Additionally, the ordinance that establishes BCYF as a permanent entity requires that **every three years, a community wide needs assessment is done** to ensure that the organization is being responsive to the needs of the community.

This event is VIRTUAL.

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Please **REGISTER** at bcyf.org/events so that you can stay updated on BCYF!

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Pride, Prejudice, and Power

By *Ben Jealous*

June is Pride month in the United States. In big cities and small communities, LGBTQ+ people and their friends, families, and allies will celebrate freedom and progress toward full equality. All fair-minded Americans can celebrate that progress. But there is a growing shadow over this year's celebrations. The far-right political movement is aggressively trying to turn back the clock to a time when LGBTQ+ people were not treated equally under the law. Anti-equality legal groups and anti-equality politicians are pushing legal and political attacks on our most vulnerable young people. MAGA movement political operatives are trying to win elections by stirring up fear and hatred against LGBTQ+ people.

They are proposing and passing laws that are stunning in their cruelty. Some make it a crime for librarians to let students read books with gay themes and characters—or for teachers to provide supportive information to LGBTQ+ students. Some make it a crime for doctors to provide appropriate health care to transgender youth. In Texas, parents who are simply trying to love and support their trans kids can

now be charged with child abuse.

That is beyond unacceptable. It is sadistic. Driving the passage of those laws is a false and inflammatory campaign to portray support for LGBTQ+ people as the equivalent of pedophilia. Right-wing elected activists and pundits smear gay people as threats to children, and equality advocates as “groomers.”

That kind of smear is dangerous. False and demonizing stereotypes have a long history that Black people know well. Lies about Black men were used by violent bigots to justify lynching as necessary to “protect” White women—and continue to drive police violence against Black people today. The more elected officials and far right-wing activists spread the “groomer” lie, the more likely it is that some bigots will try to justify discrimination and violence against LGBTQ+ people as necessary to “protect” children and youth. And then there's the Supreme Court. Historically, it was in June that the Supreme Court overturned state laws that made gay people criminals.

A dozen years later, in another June decision, the court ruled that states cannot refuse to marry same-sex couples. June has given us many reasons to celebrate the march toward full equality. But that could all change. Thanks to hard-right justices named by former President Donald Trump, the same majority that considers states' rights more important than voting rights is preparing to overturn *Roe v. Wade*—stripping Americans of a constitutional right that the court has recognized for half a century. The far-right court majority's eagerness to eliminate a long-recognized right to privacy and abortion is deeply troubling to those of us who support legal equality. Anti-LGBTQ+ legal and political groups that urged the Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade* are hoping the same justices will reverse more recent rulings that recognized the equality of LGBTQ+ people and same-sex couples.

They don't just want to overturn the court's marriage equality ruling. They also want the court to let states criminalize homosexuality, making it possible again for

gay people to be fired, or have their children taken away from them, because of their sexual orientation. They want to make America discriminate again. It is time for all Americans who support equality and civil rights to reject anti-LGBTQ+ smears and the harm and the discrimination they cause. And it is time to remember that the earliest equality marches were not focused on pride, but on freedom and liberation—from police harassment, oppressive laws and culture, and institutional discrimination. Let's celebrate pride this month.

We could all use a good dance party right about now. But let's also make sure that people understand how much progress is at risk. And let's organize. We're just six months away from local, state, and national elections. Those elections will either give more power to the raging anti-freedom forces that want to take the country back—and move us all backwards—or they will help us move toward the goal of freedom and justice for all.

Called the ultimate White House credential, the hard pass allows on-demand access to the famed Pennsylvania Avenue complex

By *Stacy M. Brown*
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Seventy-two years after President Franklin D. Roosevelt invited Harry S. McAlpin, Jr. of the National Negro Publishers Association to cover an Oval Office news conference, and 82-years after the founding of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the Black Press can freely cover the White House.

The NNPA has received a hard pass, allowing near-unfettered access to the White House. Called the ultimate White House credential, the hard pass allows on-demand access to the famed Pennsylvania Avenue complex.

“The National Newspaper Publishers Association's Senior National Correspondent, Stacy Brown, has once again enabled our national trade association representing the Black Press of America, to make another historic yet contemporary step forward with the official acquisition of the White House hard-pass,” said NNPA Pres-

ident and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

“The hard pass gives the NNPA daily access to the White House,” Chavis remarked.

As a correspondent for the NNPA member newspaper, the Atlanta Daily World, McAlpin covered his first White House press conference in 1944.

However, the White House Correspondents Association vehemently objected to the African American journalist and routinely blocked him from covering the White House. President Roosevelt intervened after a group of Black leaders expressed their frustration.

Still, the Association pushed back.

“The president could break the color line for his press conferences, but he could not rewrite the WHCA's membership policies,” George Condon, the author of a forthcoming work on the history of the Association, told NPR.

“They blackballed [McAlpin] from ever joining the Correspondents' Association or attending the group's annual dinner.”

In 2014 the Association finally paid trib-

ute to McAlpin, who died in 1985, with the first Harry S. McAlpin Jr. Scholarship awarded to a college student.

Earlier this year, the Association honored Alice Dunnigan and Ethel Payne at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner in Washington.

However, while honoring the trailblazers, the Association failed to acknowledge Chavis and the NNPA, which purchased a table for ten at the dinner only to be issued two tickets and seated in the very back of the crowded ballroom.

Perhaps, with the coveted White House hard-pass acquisition, the Association and the rest of the press corps that covers the administration will show more deference to the NNPA and the Black Press of America, which celebrates its 195th anniversary in 2022.

“At this pivotal era in American history, having daily access for the NNPA to the news and issues at the White House that impact the quality of life of Black America and other communities of color are so important and timely,” Chavis concluded.

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Inspiring Maryland Woman Graduates from College at 82

By Andrea Blackstone

Mae Beale is a prime example that great dreams are not accompanied by an expiration date. One day following her 82nd birthday, Beale walked across the stage to graduate from University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC), per NBC Washington's news account.

"I'm feeling excited, happy, energized... all the positive things that you can say, when you have accomplished your mission," Beale said during the interview.

A news release issued by UMGC revealed additional details about Beale's inspiring story of returning to earn a college degree later in life. Beale decided to return to school in



Mae Beale, 82, proves that it is never too late to finish a college degree. On May 18, 2022, the Howard County resident graduated from University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC).

Beale completed her degree with honors and helps others through civic engagement and volunteer work. The retiree who made completing her education a priority also celebrated her birthday the day before she received her college diploma in Adelphi, Maryland.

her late seventies to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Business Management, although she had already spent several years in a career as a licensed practical nurse (LPN). Beale also worked for various federal agencies. In 1994, Beale reportedly took steps to pursue an associate degree in Business Management at Howard Community College, and establish In Grand Style, which is her event planning business. The ambitious Howard County resident later opted to enroll at UMGC with a plan to earn a bachelor's degree. One by one, Beale registered for a single class to pace herself.

"I wanted to make certain I had the time to devote to whichever class I was taking," Beale said, according to UMGC. "I was like the tortoise. Slow and steady wins the race."

While utilizing this strategy, Beale achieved making the Dean's List multiple times and even finished her degree with honors. She acknowledged two people who cheered her on during the unique journey. According to 7 News DC, Beale's son is one of her top supporters. And although her husband is now deceased, Beale also said that he was always her "biggest, encourager and motivator."

"I tell everyone my husband allowed me to be me," Beale said in the news interview.

Less statistics tracking graduate and postgraduate students who attend college later in life seem to be available. Gathering more data about students who opt to attend high school immediately after college is commonplace. Nevertheless, the landscape of America's students who find their ways to campuses is changing. Older adults who pursue degrees may seek new career paths. Paying for educational endeavors can also influence when a college path is feasible.

"Enrollment in degree-granting postsecondary institutions of students who are 35 years old and over increased 13 percent between 2001 and



Mae Beale, middle, takes a family photo with University of Maryland Global Campus' (UMGC) president, Gregory Fowler, PhD. Photos courtesy of UMGC

2015; and is projected to increase 4 percent between 2015 and 2026," per data provided by the National Center for Education Statistics.

In 2021, PBS News Hour reported on the influx of American learners "50 and older" who are entering "college campuses for both personal and professional reasons." Jules Means is a 67-year-old success story. She remarked that she was appreciative of being awarded a "full ride" to attend University of California, Berkeley. Her tuition expenses would have been nearly impossible to cover using her social security income. Going back to school to earn her sociology degree lifted her spirits after she became a stroke survivor.

Beale's reason for earning a bachelor's degree in business management is tied to her entrepreneurial path. Strategically helping her event planning endeavors was another component of setting the goal, 7 News DC reported. The go-getter had already made her mark as an LPN and federal government employee, according to UMGC. Volunteering, staying civically engaged, and stepping up to lend community support in Howard County also spanned 40 years. Beale stayed

on the move connecting to progressive activities, and joining additional local boards, "including those of the Howard County, Maryland Tourism and Promotion, the Restaurant Association, the Festival of the Arts, and the Columbia Bright Minds Association."

Beale pointed out several important life lessons in her interview with NBC Washington. She mentioned her philosophy about how success transcends age limitations.

"Number one, you're never too old to learn. But number two, you've got to be able to be intentional and you've got to keep your eye on your prize. Not their prize, but your prize," Beale said.

While confidently providing additional insight, Beale stood with her graduation cap atop her head. She reminded the world that her personal recipe to remain focused turned out just right.

"And you don't ever, ever let people deter you, because people are always going to tell you what to do, how to do, when to do, but you have to do you," Beale told NBC Washington, mentioning that she is ready to greet her next adventure. "It's never too late to follow your dreams."

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Northeastern Supply Donates a Retail Building and Property to Help Sandtown's Residents

By Andrea Blackstone

On May 25, 2022, the Cook family's Northeastern Supply, Inc. donated a 26,000-square-foot retail building to the Ames Shalom Community, Inc., during a transfer-of-property ceremony, to support The Resurrection Sandtown Project's revitalization efforts in the community. The event was held at the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Baker St. Two nearby properties totaling 10,000 square feet were also donated. Pastor Rodney Hudson of the Ames Memorial United Methodist Church (Ames) represented Ames Shalom Community, Inc.

In an interview with The Baltimore Times, Steve Cook— CEO of Northeastern Supply, Inc., explained why the family-owned business, which is

We still operated a profitable business there and... survived through the Freddie Gray riots," Cook said. "But as I would visit that store, it just became apparent that, as I said to the pastor (Hudson), 'Baltimore needs help, but West Baltimore really needs help.'"

Sandtown-Winchester is the community where Freddie Gray once lived. He died following a spinal cord injury which resulted after a police encounter in 2015. Quality of life still needs improvement in a place which has been challenged by a plethora of battles.

Cook explained that someone needed to step up and make a difference. Northeastern Supply, Inc. operates approximately 40 locations in five states. The business owner recounted a story that began with his father buying



The Cook family donated Northeastern Supply's Sandtown location and two nearby properties to support The Resurrection Sandtown Project's revitalization efforts in the community. One of the company's branches operated out of the donated buildings/property. Founded in 1945, Northeastern Supply began as a business in a group of converted "row houses" in downtown Baltimore, Md. The Cook family opened the Northeastern Supply Sandtown location over 20 years ago and provided jobs and job training in Sandtown.

Photo courtesy of Northeastern Supply, Inc.



Drew Cook, left, Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Steve Cook, middle, Stephanie Cook, and Pastor Rodney Hudson from Ames Shalom Community, Inc. appear in a group photo in front of one of the buildings the Cook family donated. Decisions regarding the use of the former Northeastern Supply Sandtown location will incorporate community input.

Photo courtesy of Northeastern Supply, Inc.

a wholesale distributor of plumbing, heating, air conditioning and water systems – made the Northeastern Supply's Sandtown store and additional property a gift.

"We (Northeastern Supply, Inc.) had been in West Baltimore for 20 or 25 years, and honestly had seen that part of Baltimore... really, not fare as well as some other parts of Baltimore.

Northeastern Supply, Inc. in 1971. Cook took the business over in 1987. His daughter, Stephanie Cook, also works for the company. The Cook family decided to invest in the community and support of The Resurrection Sandtown Project by donating the property which is located within the Historic Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts & Entertainment District. Steve

mentioned that no jobs were cut because Northeastern Supply, Inc.'s West Baltimore location was shuttered. Employees shifted to other stores.

"You know, there's probably a lot of people like me that could do this and just don't," Steve said. "As the pastor (Hudson) said, 'I'm hoping this gift, and I'm confident that this gift, is not just going to be a band aid.' This is something that I hope for... the next generation, and the next generation can say, 'Wow, that that helped turn this neighborhood around. So that's my goal.'"

Before the pandemic began, Hudson called the Cooks and asked about a small, unused piece of land. After COVID-19 calmed down, Stephanie called to set up a meeting with Hudson. The Cooks had a chance to learn about Hudson's vision for the neighborhood. It included a 24/7 daycare, after school activities, and possibly looping in the Boys & Girls Club. The conversation led the Cooks to feel that providing the property and building

donation beyond Hudson's initial request was the right thing to do.

Van Beall, a trustee at Ames, provided a history of The Resurrection Sandtown Project, dating back to 2016. Hudson and Bishop LaTrelle Easterling and others were instrumental in initially exploring project ideas. According to Resurrection Sandtown's website, "the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church" approved "funding to acquire neighboring property from private owners and Baltimore City to expand the project's footprint" in May of 2018. Beall explained the reason why an empty lot that Northeastern Supply, Inc. previously owned was a desirable addition.

"We wished to acquire the empty lot because that would help us to create the rectangle that we wanted at the corner of Baker and Pennsylvania," Beall said.

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**2022 Juneteenth Celebration
Round Up to Remember**

A 2022 Juneteenth Celebration Round Up to Remember

By Andrea Blackstone

Juneteenth, which is traditionally celebrated on June 19, is just around the corner. Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform people that the Civil War had ended. Enslaved people were finally free. Delivery of the news—in 1865—occurred two and a half years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation had already abolished slavery.

To celebrate Juneteenth’s significance, numerous educational and entertaining events will be held from June 17- 19 in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States over the weekend preceding it. However, a few festivities are being held on other dates. The federal Juneteenth holiday is observed on June 20.

This roundup may give you a starting point to consider how you would like to plan your Juneteenth celebration, if you would like to explore community events around the region. Please confirm event details and times which may be subject to change.

Annapolis

The Annapolis Juneteenth Festival will feature music, entertainment, food, vendors, and fireworks at Bates Athletic Complex, 935 Spa Road, Annapolis from 2 – 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022. A parade will be held in downtown Annapolis at 12 p.m. See <https://www.theannapolis-juneteenth.org> for details. Free.

Baltimore

The Y Swim Center in Randallstown, located at 3505 Resource Dr. in Randallstown will host a free community Juneteenth celebration from 12 – 3 p.m. on June 11, 2022. Ethnic food, activities for children, music, dancing, guest

speakers, retail vendors, and contests will be available. No registration is required. Visit <https://ymaryland.org/events/juneteenth-celebration> for more information.

A Black Authors Book Expo Vol. 5 (BABExpo) will be held at Western High School, located at 4600 Falls Road in Baltimore on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 2:00– 6:00 p.m. This family friendly event will feature adult and youth authors who write various genres. The free event is open to the public. Masks are encouraged. Follow the host on Instagram at @BABEXPOMD. See <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-authors-book-expo-vol-5-babexpo-tickets-288891571467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> for more information.



AFRAM Festival 2022 will be held from June 18 - June 19, 2022, 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. at 900 Druid Park Lake Dr. The free event will feature Ne-Yo, Le’Andria Johnson, El DeBarge, The O’Jays and others. Visit <https://aframbaltimore.com/> for details.

Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church, located at 1128 Pennsylvania Avenue will celebrate Juneteenth from June 18 - 19, 2022. Saturday’s activities will include a 5K Run from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. An outdoor Family Reunion and Cookout featuring free food, music, dancing, games, crafts, face painting, flag football and more will be held from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. A Juneteenth worship service will be held on Sunday beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Community Presents Inc., and MCB Real Estate, will host a Freedom Day Juneteenth Celebration on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at German Park- 2411 Linden Ave. from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Enjoy haircuts, food, face painting, music and more free activities. See <https://www.stfranciscenter.org/> for further details.

An in-person Juneteenth Celebration: Education as Liberation will be held on June 19 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum, located at 830 East Pratt St. Dr. Lawrence Jackson will discuss tracing his family’s emancipation history, his personal journey with race, fatherhood, and more. An artist talk with Oletha DeVane, discussion about grilling with business owner, Damian Mosley from Black Sauce Kitchen and food samples will be another activity.

An opportunity to create a Juneteenth flag, or a Juneteenth and Father’s Day button, will be led by artist, Reba Goodall. Free admission. Register via <https://17527.blackbaudhosting.com/17527/Juneteenth-Commemoration-Education-as-Liberation-In-Person>

Bowie

The City of Bowie will host a “Hidden Figures” Movie Night on Friday, June 17, at dusk (around 9 p.m.) to kick off the Juneteenth holiday at Allen Pond Park. Attendees are invited to bring food, a blanket or chairs to enjoy the movie which celebrates Black women scientists. Visit <https://www.cityofbowie.org/Juneteenth> for more details.

“The Road to Jubilee!: A Juneteenth Celebration” will be hosted by The Coalition of African Americans in the Performing Arts on June 18, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the Amphitheater at Allen Pond Park, which is located at 3330 Northview Drive Bowie, MD 20716. The musical extravaganza will include a raffle, singers, an African drummer, pianist, dancers, and poetry. All ages are invited to attend. Visit <https://www.cityofbowie.org/Juneteenth> for additional information.

Catonsville

The Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, located at 300 Oella Avenue in Catonsville will provide food, music, performers, vendors, crafts and family fun from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Visit <https://www.enjoybaltimorecounty.com/Events/juneteenth-at-benjamin-banneker-park-and-museum> to learn more about the free event or call 410-887-1081.



Cumberland

The NAACP of Allegany County; the Washington County NAACP Branch 7030; and Garrett County Branch 7139 will host a second Annual Juneteenth Festival located at Canal Place in Cumberland, Md. On Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., a Juneteenth Black History Tour will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. From 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., a parade will be held from Washington Street to Canal Place. From 12:00 - 6:00 p.m., live bands, a pig roast, cookout, health fair, Kid Zone and vendors will be included in the festival. On Sunday June 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. guests may enjoy a free gospel explosion and festival. Call 301-876-9523 to confirm details or visit <https://www.visitmaryland.org/events/Juneteenth>.

Darlington

The Hosanna School Museum—located at 2424 Castleton Road in Darlington, Md. will feature “edutainment” for the entire family, including Buffalo Soldiers with horse rides, lectures, a genealogy workshop, crafts, book signings and a puppet show on June 18, 2022, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event price is \$18.65, but children 12 and under will be admitted free. For more details and to register, visit www.HosannaSchoolMuseum.org.

The District of Columbia

From June 17-19, Pharrell Williams’ Something in the Water Festival comes to Washington, D.C. Various artists will perform at Independence Avenue NW, Washington, DC Visit <https://somethinginthewater.frontgatetickets.com> for details and ticket information.

Take a trip to see the original Emancipation Proclamation and companion document, General Order No. 3, at the National Archives at the National Archives, located at 700 Constitution Avenue NW from June 18-20. The Archives will be open from 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. Admission is free. An online discussion will be held on June 17 at 7:00 p.m. will be held. Visit <https://www.archives.gov/calendar/event/juneteenth-a-celebration> for more details and registration information.

Eastern Shore

An Eastern Shore Juneteenth Parade & Festival will feature a parade and festival. Vendors, children’s activities, and other entertainment will be included on Saturday, June 18 from 1 -6 p.m. in downtown Salisbury. The parade is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at Main Street Plaza. The free festival will follow immediately after at North Division Street. Visit <https://www.esjuneteenth.com/> for more information.

Gaithersburg

The Gaithersburg Community Museum will host a “Celebrating Juneteenth” drop-in activity on Sunday, June 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free event will allow visitors to learn about the official Juneteenth flag and more at 9 South Summit Avenue in Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. Visit <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/23001/3322> for details.

Upper Marlboro

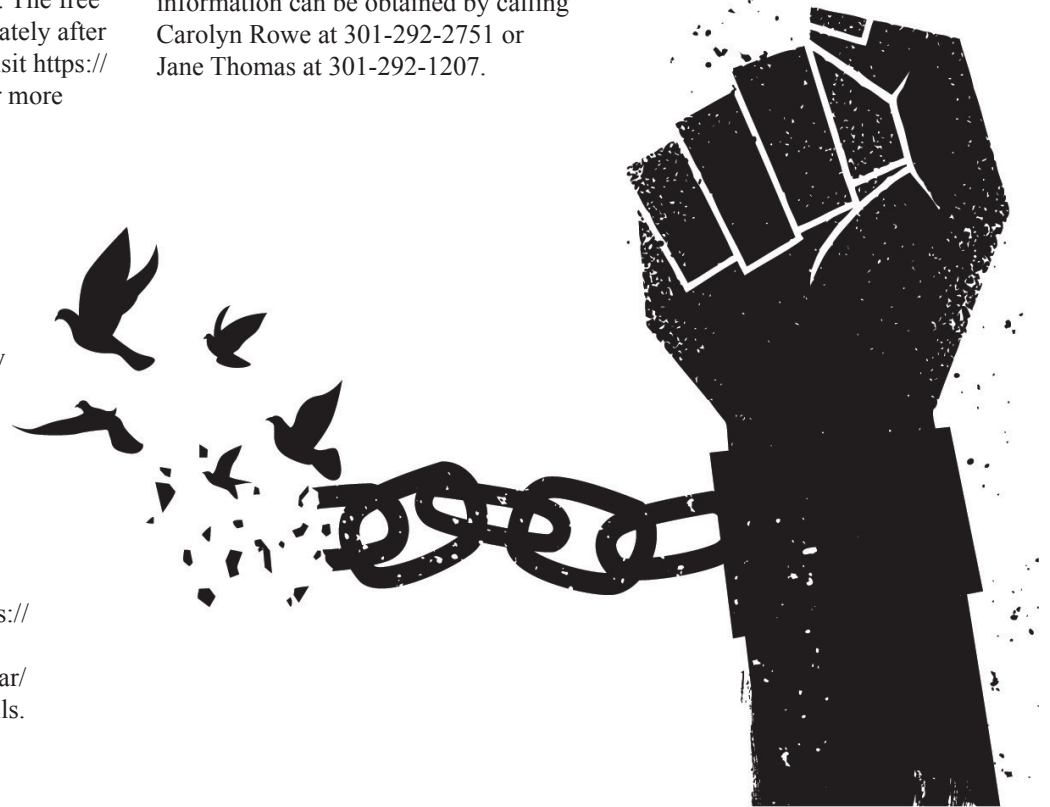
On June 18 a free family event which will be open to the public will be held from 12 noon –5 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park, located at 301 Watkins Park Dr. Visit <https://www.mncppc.org/780/Juneteenth> to learn more about the event for county residents. You may email the Black History Program coordinators at blackhistory@pgparks.com to obtain more details.

Virtual

A virtual, Zoom genealogy workshop will be held on June 18 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The keynote address is entitled “Juneteenth: More Than A Celebration.” The Prince George’s County based community event requires registration via <https://www.pgcm-aahgs.org/events/Juneteenth> by June 15. More information can be obtained by calling Carolyn Rowe at 301-292-2751 or Jane Thomas at 301-292-1207.

Wolf Trap

A Juneteenth Celebration will be held at Wolf Trap on June 19. Thee Phantom and the Illharmonic Orchestra will perform during a special family-friendly event. A live 40-piece orchestra will fuse classical music with contemporary and hip-hop composers. Representation in the classical music space is led by a husband-and-wife duo (Thee Phantom and The Phoenix). DJ Philly C is featured. Visit <https://allaccess.wolftrap.org/2022/05/27/a-juneteenth-celebration/> for ticket information and details.



Meet Entrepreneur Darryl Drake

Self-Made Millionaire Shares ‘Inside Tips’ For Success

By Ursula V. Battle

Darryl Drake reflected on working in his mother’s clothing store and later becoming a door-to-door salesman before landing a job in direct sales and network marketing – experiences that would help shape the course of his entrepreneurial life.

“I used to work at my mom’s clothing store growing up in the neighborhood,” said Drake, who is a native of San Bernardino, California. “So, I knew all the people in the community. I always ended up having good conversations with people. I’ve always been a people person. I’ve always enjoyed people, and was always a talking, inquisitive, genuine person.”

He continued, “During my teenage life, I went door-to-door selling alarm systems. I was knocking on one hundred doors a day, dealing with rejection and other obstacles. I did that for about two years, and then I got into

direct sales and network marketing with a company. I was about nineteen and made my first six figures that year.”

After nearly nine years of helping to grow the health and wellness company to \$600 million in sales,

Drake ultimately “cashed-in” on his people skills and used his “asset” to become a millionaire at the age of 27. Today, the 35-year-old Drake is an entrepreneur, investor, and author, and says he is dedicated to helping millennials learn the secrets to wealth and investments. He is the creator of “Tha Vibe.”

Through the movement, Drake mentors others by sharing his secrets to success and innovation. Drake is teaching his tribe of about 100,000 members how to monetize off cryptocurrency, NFTs (Non-fungible tokens), and Forex (Foreign Exchange).

Cryptocurrency is a digital, encrypted, and decentralized

medium of exchange, while NFTs are financial securities consisting of digital data stored in a blockchain, a form of distributed ledger. A blockchain is a growing list of records called ‘blocks’ that are securely linked together using cryptography. Forex is a global decentralized or over-the-counter market for the trading of currencies.

“I just want people to be educated and let them know this is what’s next,” said Drake referring to the financial world of cryptocurrency, NFTs and Forex. “My main purpose is economic elevation. I want to educate and help us as people to stay ahead of the curve. Everything I do is an extension of that purpose. That includes my credit education courses, which are completely free. I started a credit repair company back in 2013, and we have served thousands of people.”

Drake has a website called

repairforfree.com, which he started in 2021.

“Inside that platform, I have tools, videos, and resources to help you repair your credit,” said Drake. “That’s another way I am trying to elevate.”

Drake offers success coaching, mentoring, and training programs to inspire others for financial independence and entrepreneurship. He has also established the Darryl Drake Foundation as a means of contributing to aspiring inner-city entrepreneurs. He has a lifetime goal to contribute \$100 million towards philanthropic opportunities tied to the underserved entrepreneurial community.

“I’ve had my foundation since 2012, and it has been hyper-focused on the community,” said Drake.

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Darryl Drake who became a millionaire at age 27 is the creator of ‘Tha Vibe.’ Through the movement, he mentors others by sharing his secrets to success and innovation. Courtesy Photo



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BALTIMORE IS WIDE OPEN WITH LIVE CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS AND THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!



Rosa Pryor Trusty

Hello Everyone,

This week I am going to talk about the live concerts and festivals that Baltimore City and counties have scheduled. And guess what? Many of them are FREE! Yeaaaa! I knew you would like the word, "FREE." There is so much going on this week, I really need three pages in the Baltimore Times this week to share it all.

But first, let me tell you about the kick-off of the Avenue Bakery Music Series that started June 4th at the Avenue Bakery Courtyard. If you did not make it, it is too bad because it seems that the full house guests that did come had a damn good time. It was truly a family affair. James Hamlin and his family, who owns this beautiful bakery with the attached courtyard, had everything set up with his daughter and son cooking and serving the food. His grandson set up the tables and chairs and worked the bakery at the same time. Their hand-made rolls are to die for!

The Derrick Amin Quartet performed with jazz soloist, Sister Shaman. Several regulars, who have been coming since the event started five years ago, included Walter Frances Gill; the "Urban Professor," and his wife, Denise Park; Baltimore Zentangle Artisan; Vincent and his wife P.J.; Eleanor Janey's daughter and son-in-law; Brice Peterson; Victor Green; Deborah Jones and her husband; Donell McIntyre with his CD's; Viola Griffin and her daughter; Rev. Willie Ray; and Anderson Ward, renowned Baltimore photographer, who not only took some photos for me, but sold two of my books to some friends. And this was just to name a few off the top of my head.

If I didn't mention your name, please don't get an attitude, I did say, "Off the top of my head!" I cannot remember what I had for breakfast this morning. I should have taken notes, but if you were there, you will remember that I did not have five minutes to sit down. If you come next month, I promise you, I got you! IT IS FREE!

OH, MY GOODNESS! The Farmer's Market downtown, underneath the bridge is stretching out and doing their thing. Check this out! The Baltimore Office of Promotion & Arts has announced a special monthly extension of the Baltimore Farmers' Market starting this month. It is being called "The B-Side," which will run from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the same location as the Market at Holliday and Saratoga Streets. After the regular Market is done, you can stay and enjoy a free afternoon of food, drinks, vendors and free performances showcasing local artists, musicians, art, and performers. The B-Side kicks off on Sunday, June 12 with PrideFest hosted by Baltimore's 2020 Drag Queen of the year, Evon Dior Michelle with DJ sets by Trillnated & DJ Tommy Davis; and a special performance by Kotic Couture. It's all FREE. Bring your friends, family, and a lawn chair and enjoy yourself. Every month the Farmers' Market B-Side will bring a different flavor with a different show and band. BOPA will continue Sunday, July 3 with Summer of Soul; and on Sunday, August 7 with Music Mash-ups & Cover Bands; the School House Rock on September 4 and the BSO Playlist on October 2. We will see you there. Again, it is FREE!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,



Leslie Tanner is holding an Outdoor Concert on Saturday, June 25 at Shannon Brook Farm in Woodstock, Maryland, 12pm until 7 p.m. For more information, call Vincent at 443-848-4797.



Steve Carrington Quartet will perform at the American Legion Post #122, 4424 Painters Mill Road in Owings Mills, Maryland on Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 3-7 p.m. For more information, call 410-363-1696.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN! Yes, that is what I said! The UniverSoul Circus will be at Security Square Mall this Sunday, June 12 at 7 p.m. The National Black Unity News & the UniverSoul Circus will present National Black Unity News Night honoring guest Ringmaster and publisher, David Murphy. For more information, call 443-455-2373. I will see you there.

Oh mannnnnnn! I almost forgot to tell you about another festival. Well, it is really called a "Market Fair." I am talking about the Colonial Market Fair. The Colonial Market Fair is June 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, located at 300 Oella Avenue, Catonsville, Maryland. Celebrate 18th-century history and early American life with reenactments, artisans, and musicians that will keep



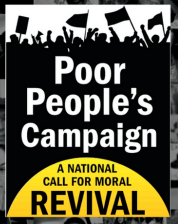
Viola Griffin, founder, and CEO of the Viola Griffin Productions, began an Annual Award Banquet in 2012 to honor legendary entertainers, born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland; and a long-time promoter of legendary R&B groups from the 1950's thru the 1980's. Her Annual Award Ceremony and Banquet is being held Sunday, June 26, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. at the Waxter Senior Center, 1000 Cathedral Center. More on this event next week. For more information, call Viola at 443-822-5356.



The Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts (BOPA) kicks off PrideFest this Sunday, June 12, 2022! Hosted by Baltimore's 2020 Drag Queen of the Year Evon Dior Michelle at the Farmer's Market. See story in my column.

members of the entire family entertained. For more information, call 410-887-1081.

Now, look my dear friends, I have got to go. I have things to do and people to see! Without a doubt I know I will see you somewhere around town. Just feel free to tap me on the shoulder or give me a hug. Remember, if you need me, just call me at 410-833-9474 or email me at rosapryor@aol.com. UNTIL THE NEXT TIME, I'M MUSICALLY YOURS.



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-BISHOP WILLIAM J. BARBER II, D.MIN AND REV. DR. LIZ THEOHARIS
Co-Chairs, Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival





June 2, officials joined local small business owners to celebrate their first retail units at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport as part of the Launch Pad program. The five new shops carry an array of stylish clothing and accessories, custom apparel, hand-crafted candles, exotic spices, and natural teas.

Now Open: Five New Shops Add Local Flair For Fliers At Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport

BALTIMORE – Travelers at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport will discover offerings from the Maryland and D.C. region at five new retail shops. The new local operators are participants in the 2022 Launch Pad program. In its fifth year, small, local and minority businesses have greater opportunities to start an airport retail enterprise through this innovative program.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held with officials on June 2 to celebrate the incoming class: Everything Blings Boutique, Messy Buddha, and Plum Good in Concourse D, WELL TRVLD in the A/B Food Court area, and the return of New Secrets Tea in Concourse B. The shops carry an array of stylish clothing and accessories, hand-crafted candles, exotic spices, custom apparel, and natural herbal teas.

The openings follow a rigorous recruitment and selection process, in-depth training and certification, and

onboarding over the past few months. Fraport Maryland enhanced the program for 2022, bringing additional resources, training, mentoring, and ongoing business development, sales and marketing support with area business partners.

“We are delighted to welcome the class of 2022 to our program at BWI Marshall Airport,” said Gary Gilliard, vice president of Fraport Maryland, developer and manager of the concessions program. “Stories about how they got their start and all they have to offer with their unique product lines resonated with the selection committee. We wish them tremendous success with their new airport retail ventures.”

Since its inception in 2017, nine Launch Pad businesses have delighted passengers with diverse offerings that celebrate the region. Five new Launch Pad shops are now open for business at the airport.

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Self-Made Millionaire Shares ‘Inside Tips’ For Success

“I was born and raised in San Bernardino, California, and I have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars over the last few years to different programs there.”

The young, self-made millionaire talked about his keys to success.

“I’m no different than the average person,” said Drake. “It’s just my level of belief and consistency. I just continue to show up where most people give up. I don’t get bored easily. I can do the same thing over and over again until the work is over. That is why I excel.”

He added, “I see people flipping houses, and I see people selling stuff online. I see things popping up all the time. But I started my course and I stay focused. And when it’s all said and done, I think a person can be defined more by what they can resist. I think that when you start to kind of catch your slope, it’s more challenging to stay focused than anything else. And so yes, I am most proud of my ability to stick to one thing.”

Drake shared this analogy for success.

“I’m a student of what I do. If this were formal education, I would have my PhD, as far as hours and really understanding the science behind this whole financial thing. I really do like this. I think that sometimes people come into industries, and they may like it for whatever reason, but they don’t want to pull back the layers and really learn and develop to be the best. If I were to put a visual to it, it would be a gym. If I were required to be in that gym eight hours a day doing an intense workout to be the best, I would be there.”

To learn more about Darryl Drake, follow him on Instagram under @Darryldrake and @Coachdarryldrake.

Ravens Marcus Williams likes first impression

By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens secondary will look a little different this season due to the additions of veterans safety Marcus Williams and first-round draft pick Kyle Hamilton.

Williams signed a five-year, \$70 million contract with the Ravens on the second day of 2022 free agency. Williams was widely regarded as one of the best players on the market after finishing with two interceptions and eight passes defended last year.

Having spent five seasons with the New Orleans Saints, Williams is very familiar with how a winning organization is supposed to look. He already likes what he sees with the Ravens.

“It’s good; it’s fast-paced. We’re getting to it without actually getting to it fully. It’s OTAs – we’re getting plays down pat and everything that we need going into regular minicamp and training camp,” Williams said after his first set of organized team activities.

“It’s good, just from coming from one team to another. Just being able to be around the team, talk to them, get that camaraderie – I think it’s really healthy. As we go on, we’ll just keep stacking days, stacking days. That’s very beneficial for me.”

Williams likes the way Baltimore’s talented secondary works together. The safety group is stacked with Williams, Hamilton and veteran Chuck Clark



Marcus Williams

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in the mix. Williams identified Clark as the leader and commended him for helping with any questions along with the day-to-day operations of the team.

New defensive coordinator, Mike McDonald, will have a lot of pieces

to work with in the secondary. Williams likes how McDonald teaches the defense so they can learn it quickly and put it together in practice.

They’re learning the defense from a perspective of playing multiple positions which requires the players to know the full concept of the various play calls.

It’s still early in the process so knowing exactly where Williams will line up consistently is still a work in progress. But McDonald is looking forward to utilizing him in the defense.

“Marcus [Williams] is a great player,” McDonald said. “It’s great to have him in the building. He’s two days in, so it’s really early to tell, but he’ll be a great player for us.”

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Northeastern Supply Donates a Retail Building and Property to Help Sandtown’s Residents

Supply, Inc. made a donation offer. Acceptance of it doubled Resurrections Sandtown’s footprint.

“With this gift, we really were caught by surprise, but so we’re going to be taking our time figuring out what’s the right thing to do. This is an enormous gift for the community. The Cook family’s focus was making sure it benefited the community,” Beall said.

Hudson further explained that emails sent by Beall led to Stephanie’s follow up to meet about the initial property request. Hudson was mulling over ideas to offer the Cooks a modest sum for it. Offering a large amount was simply not in the budget. A positive result was in the making. Conversations had been held about what types of services should be included in the Resurrection Sandtown project for quite some time. Since paying for the lot had been removed from the conversation, Hudson and Beall could redirect their energies to address how the Cook’s donation could be best used. And now, a feasibility study is on the horizon.

“One thing we would like to deal with is the systemic structures that have led to the decline of our community,” Hudson said.

Job creation, supporting youth and children, senior housing, and providing wrap around services are being discussed.

“People like the Cooks can feed America with new ideas of how to become an overcomer,” Hudson said.

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